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(TWENTY-NINTH) ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE WORK OF THE
FABIAN SOCIETY

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SOCIETY ON 17TH MAY, 1912.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1912.

ADOPTED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING ON 17TH MAY, 1912.

FOR the last three years the most prominent feature of our Annual Reports has been Parliamentary Elections. In 1910 and 1911 we had to record the fortunes of our members in the General Elections of January and December, 1910, and in 1909 the Bye-election at Taunton, the first in which our Society collectively took part, occupied the place of honor in our account of the work of the year.

The period under review has been marked by activity of a private rather than a public kind. An exceptionally large number of group meetings, committee meetings, conferences, and gatherings of one sort and another have taken place. Our members have concerned themselves with overhauling the constitution and reorganizing the machinery of the Society itself.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT

The great social measure of 1911 was this Act, which as soon as it was published evoked severe criticism from the leaders of the Society. Suggested amendments were privately circulated, and later on a pamphlet was issued indicating the drastic amendments which were demanded. In July the Fabian Conference proved almost unanimously hostile to the Bill, and the Executive Committee then resolved to take part with the London Branches of the I.L.P. in calling a public meeting to oppose it. This was held at the Memorial Hall on July 28th, and was addressed by Philip Snowden, M.P., George Lansbury, M.P., and others. Meanwhile the Women's Group had published two pamphlets on the parts of the Bill specially affecting women, which had a large circulation and attracted much attention. In the autumn the Executive prepared and issued a Manifesto against the Bill, which was sent to Trade Unions, Socialist Societies, and other bodies.

In the end many of the clauses of the Bill to which objection had been specially directed were amended in the direction advocated by the Society.

It may be added that a small minority of the Executive, as well of course as many members of the Society, were not in agreement with the policy of opposition to the Bill, and the conclusions arrived at were in some cases compromises intended to meet the dissentient minority.

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE WITH THE I.L.P.

For many years past the Society has worked in harmony with the I.L.P., both through the Labor Party, which for both of them is the main organ of their organized political activity, and by interchange of lectures and publications. In May it was suggested that the time had come for a formal recognition of our common interests, and the National Administrative Council of the I.L.P. accepted our proposal with cordiality. A Joint Standing Committee was thereupon constituted of three members of each Executive, with the Secretary of the N.A.C. and the Organizing Secretary of the I.L.P. as joint Secretaries. W. C. Anderson, Chairman of the I.L.P., was elected chairman, and meetings are held whenever required.

The management of the Local Government Information Bureau has been transferred to the new committee which intends to infuse fresh life into that useful but not exactly enterprising institution.

The Joint Committee made itself responsible for a series of joint lectures referred to in another paragraph; it proposed to the Labor Party the successful Albert Hall Demonstration on Adult Suffrage held at the opening of Parliament, an undertaking which had considerable political value at no expense to the societies concerned, and the Committee has laid the foundations of systematic co-operation between the two societies which is likely to endure and to promote the increasing solidarity of the Socialist movement.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Nineteen meetings have been held during the year, one more than in the previous year.

Two important courses of lectures occupied most of the autumn and spring meetings. One was a series of seven lectures (six only falling within the period under review) on the "History and Implications of Equality"; the first three lectures were by specialists in the periods of history dealt with, two of them unconnected with the Society, who were good enough to make studies of the particular matters required for our syllabus.

The next two lectures, one of them by another non-member, the Hon. W. Pember Reeves, dealt with the ideas of equality held by the authors of the great "Utopias" and by writers on Socialism; whilst the other two in the course treat of the subject in the abstract. The series, though of a somewhat academic character, was well attended and proved of much interest to the more studious members of the Society.

It was also arranged that a second series of lectures under the auspices of the Standing Joint Committee with the I.L.P. should run concurrently with the other, and should be entitled "Next Steps to Socialism and How to Take Them." These lectures were given partly by prominent leaders of the I.L.P. and partly by our own members, and they were largely attended by members of both bodies. The lecture on "The Abolition of the Idle Rich," by Philip Snowden, M.P., was particularly successful in respect of the size of the audience and the brilliance of the lecture.

Of the other lectures that by Mrs. Annie Besant on "England and India," attracted the greatest interest and the largest audience.

Three Business Meetings were held in the year, one less than last year, and one more than in 1909-10.

At the Annual Meeting on May 12th, the principal business was a proposal by the Executive Committee to alter the rules in order to allow members of the Executive who had voluntarily retired after not less than ten years service to be elected consultative members without the power to vote. The opposition to the scheme was so strong that it was withdrawn.

On January 19th a Members' Meeting discussed a number of resolutions mostly of only temporary interest, some of them put forward by the Fabian Reform Committee, a body formed for promoting certain alterations in the policy and constitution of the Society. Some of these proposals were referred to a Special Committee, whose decisions do not fall within the period of this report.

At the Members' Meeting on February 9th H. H. Schloesser for the Reform Committee moved a resolution to render ineligible for the Executive Committee Liberal or Conservative Members of or candidates for Parliament. This was defeated by a vote of 156 to 85.

The following is a list of the lectures:—

"NEXT STEPS TO SOCIALISM AND HOW TO TAKE THEM."
(JOINTLY WITH THE I.L.P.)

Oct.	13.	"The Work of the Independent Labor Party" ...	J. BRUCE GLASIER
Nov.	10.	"The Labor Party and Its Work" ...	J. R. CLYNES, M.P.
Jan.	12.	"The Abolition of the Idle Rich" ...	PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P.
March	8.	"The Abolition of Poverty" ...	HENRY D. HARBEN

EMERGENCY LECTURE.

Dec.	15.	"England and Germany: Factors for Peace and War" ...	W. S. SANDERS
"THE HISTORY AND IMPLICATIONS OF EQUALITY."			
Nov.	17.	"The Principle of Equality. (a) Traces in Primitive Society" ...	Prof. EDWARD JENKS, M.A., B.C.L.
Nov.	21.	"The Principle of Equality. (b) Traces in Medieval England" ...	KENNETH H. VICKERS, B.A.
Dec.	8.	"Specialization and Inequality in Modern History" ...	Prof. A. F. POLLARD, M.A.
Jan.	26.	"The Idea of Equality in Earlier Utopias" ...	Hon. W. PEMBER REEVES
Feb.	23.	"Equality in the Doctrines of Modern Socialists" ...	Miss FABIA MURRAY
March	22.	"Equality in Relation to Individual Freedom" ...	C. M. LLOYD

MISCELLANEOUS.

April	7.	"Socialism and Subject Races" ...	L. HADEN GUEST
April	28.	"State Banking and Finance" ...	EDWARD R. PEASE
May	26.	"England and India" ...	Mrs. ANNIE BESANT
June	16.	"The Necessary Theatre" ...	H. GRANVILLE BARKER
Oct.	27.	"Tolstoy and His Teaching" ...	AYLMER MAUDE

BUSINESS MEETINGS.

May	12.	Annual Meeting.
Jan.	19.	Members' Meeting. Miscellaneous Business.
Feb.	9.	Members' Meeting to consider a resolution on Political Policy.

PUBLICATIONS.

The number of Tracts of 16 pages and upwards published during the year has only once been equalled, and has never been exceeded in the history of the Society, though in some earlier years numerous 4 page Leaflets were issued in addition to Tracts.

Of the eight published since our last report three belonging to a new "Women's Group Series," were submitted by that energetic group, and issued in a specially designed cover reserved for the series. One of these, "Family Life on a Pound a Week," by Mrs. Pember Reeves, was very widely noticed in the Press, and was quoted in the House of Commons within a few days of its publication. The result was that a second edition was required within a few weeks of its issue. The third of the series, "Women and Prisons," published near the close of the year, has also attracted much attention and has sold well. Another Tract, "What an Education Committee Can Do," was prepared by the Education Group, and was a work involving much labor and research. It was published at the unusual price of 3d. and has sold as well as we expected.

The number of Tracts, as opposed to Leaflets, distributed by sales or otherwise during the year shows an increase of nearly 20,000 over last year. Leaflets, always uncertain in their circulation, are less by 12,000, and the number in print is steadily declining.

We have not issued any other publications during the year. The sales of Fabian Essays and the Fabian Socialist Series, published by A. C. Fifield, continue to be satisfactory, but are below the level of years in which fresh volumes have been put on the market.

The new Tracts are :—

- No. 156. "What an Education Committee Can Do." By Members of the Education Group. In cover, 3d.
 No. 157. "The Working Life of Women." By B. L. HUTCHINS. Women's Group Series, No. 1. In cover, 1d.
 No. 158. "The Case Against the Charity Organization Society." By Mrs. TOWNSHEND. 1d.
 No. 159. "The Necessary Basis of Society." By SIDNEY WEBB. In cover, 1d.
 No. 160. "A National Medical Service." By F. LAWSON DODD. In cover, 2d.
 No. 161. "Afforestation and Unemployment." By ARTHUR P. GRENFELL. 1d.
 No. 162. "Family Life on a Pound a Week." By Mrs. PEMBER REEVES. Women's Group Series, No. 2. In cover, 2d.
 No. 163. "Women and Prisons." By HELEN BLAGG and CHARLOTTE WILSON. Women's Group Series, No. 3. In cover, 2d.

The number of Tracts and Leaflets, apart from the reprints in the Fabian Socialist Series, sold and distributed during recent years is as follows :—

Year ending March	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
Tracts	87,368	68,302	73,187	89,229	149,594	82,508
Leaflets	17,235	29,850	23,040	31,760	102,160	63,360
TOTALS	104,603	98,152	96,227	120,989	251,754	145,868
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	211	192	173	260	476	244
Cost of Printing	241	363	219	269	518	329

TABLE OF TRACTS PRINTED AND ISSUED DURING YEAR 1911-12.

Price.	Stock 1 April, '11.	Printed during year.	Total.	Stock 31 Mar., 1912.	Distributed during year.	Cost of Printing, Binding, etc., during year.	Proceeds of Sales (estimd.)	Estimd. Sale Value of pre- sent stock.
1s.	377	—	377	320	57	—	2	3
3d.	1,841	5,120	6,961	1,399	5,562	40	10	10
2d.	9,578	24,285	33,863	12,720	21,143	103	50	60
1d.	150,184	31,700	181,884	121,143	60,741	99	143	130
Leaflets	59,640	4,000	63,640	46,405	17,235	2	6	7
Totals	221,620	65,105	286,725	181,987	104,738	£244	£211	£210
1910-11	191,950	127,222	319,172	221,620	97,552	£285	£192	£225

Our list of Tracts in the regular series now stands as follows :—

	3d.	2d.	1d.	Leaflets	Total
Tracts of previous years ...	—	4	55	14	73
„ 1911-12 ...	1	3	4	0	8
	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>81</u>

BOOK BOXES AND MEMBERS' BOOKSHELF.

The demand for our boxes has again declined, and was at a lower level than for many years past, although the number of prospectuses sent out has been in excess of recent years. Some of the decline may be due to the fact that I.L.P. Branches often have libraries of their own.

The following is a classification of the Book Box subscribers for this and previous years :

	Year ending	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
I. L. P. Branches	24	43	52	45	70	33
Local Fabian Societies *	...	9	9	9	11	12	
Other Socialist Bodies	...	14	14	19	33	34	30
Co-operative Societies	...	21	17	27	24	35	23
Trade Unions	...	20	26	19	15	21	24
Trades Councils	...	6	2	5	2	9	11
Miscellaneous	...	32	39	42	31	22	34
		<u>126</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>155</u>

* These were included in other Socialist Societies previous to 1908.

The Members' Bookshelf continues to be regularly used by a large number of members.

ELECTIONS.

Very few elections, either Parliamentary or local, have taken place during the past year. Town council and a few district council and guardians elections are the only ones that now are held every year, and in only a few of these were our members concerned.

A London County Council bye-election took place at Woolwich in November, at which W. Stephen Sanders stood as Labor candidate. He was beaten by 556, but reduced the Moderate majority by nearly one half. An appeal for help was sent to London members and they contributed the sum of £71.

LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE.

Two amendments to resolutions, one dealing with the National Insurance Bill and the other with the Electoral Reform Bill, were put forward, the principles of both of which were embodied in the composite resolutions unanimously adopted by the conference.

CONFERENCES.

The Annual Conference of the Executive Committee with the delegates from the local Fabian Societies and local and subject groups was held this year on Saturday, July 8th, at Clifford's Inn Hall, and was attended by fifty-eight delegates, comprising fifteen members of the Executive Committee, twenty delegates from provincial societies, four from university societies, eight from London local groups, and eleven from subject groups. Resolutions with regard to town planning, joint action with the I.L.P., the Holmes circular, economic equality, restricting the membership of the Society to supporters of the Labor Party, and the National Insurance Bill were discussed. The conference was followed by a social gathering arranged by the Social Committee.

The Northern Fabian Conference was held at Manchester on May 6th, and was attended by forty-five members of the Liverpool, Darwen, Burnley, Sheffield, Huddersfield, and Manchester Fabian Societies. W. Stephen Sanders attended on behalf of the Executive. Resolutions dealing with joint action with the I.L.P., municipal finance, woman suffrage, and the nationalization of the coal supply were the chief subjects of discussion.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

In order to increase the number and efficiency of Socialist propagandists, a class for speakers, open to members of the Society or of the I.L.P., was inaugurated on January 24th with a lecture by Graham Wallas at Clifford's Inn Hall on "The Psychology of Propaganda." This was followed by a course of six lessons in voice production, given by a professional teacher, and five lessons in practical propaganda, by W. Stephen Sanders, at the Fabian Office. The class has been well attended by the students enrolled, and it is intended to make it a permanent institution.

SUBURBAN LECTURES.

The number of courses of lectures arranged under the Suburban scheme during the period from October 1st to March 31st was thirteen. They were given by W. Stephen Sanders, H. Snell, and, in one instance, H. H. Schloesser. The subject dealt with was in every case, except one, "Socialism of To-day," the syllabus being framed to meet the usual objections made to Socialism. The exception was a course by W. Stephen Sanders on "Modern Germany," with special reference to the German Social Democratic movement. The lectures were held at Ilford, Leytonstone, Gravesend, Forest Gate, Canning Town, Bromley, Guildford, St. Pancras, Dorking, Sutton, Lewisham, Hounslow, Deptford and Wandsworth. Six of the courses were organized by local Fabian Societies and Groups. The total net cost of the fourteen courses was £119.

PROVINCIAL LECTURES.

W. Stephen Sanders carried on an open air lecturing campaign in and around the Potteries during June under the auspices of the North Staffordshire Labor Party which defrayed the expenses. In November he gave lectures for the Edinburgh, Liverpool and Liverpool University Fabian Societies, and at Dundee and Arbroath. Between October 1st and March 31st he gave courses under the provincial scheme on "Socialism of To-day," arranged by the Manchester Fabian Society at Sale, Didsbury and Marple, and at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Wolstanton, Oldham, Ipswich, Southampton and Loughborough. H. Beaumont gave courses at Louth, Grimsby and Scunthorpe. Altogether twelve courses were arranged, of which six were organized by Fabian Societies. The total cost to the Society of the twelve courses was £64.

G. Bernard Shaw gave his usual yearly contribution to the provincial and suburban propaganda work of the Society by addressing meetings at Chiswick, Stratford, Finchley, Southampton and Coventry. Local Fabian Societies organized these gatherings, which were most successful both financially and otherwise.

OTHER LECTURES.

Lectures have been given to Independent Labor Party Branches (very largely by members of the Nursery), Land Clubs, and Debating Societies and other bodies by members of the Society. Besides those arranged through the office, many lectures have been given by our members to societies which make engagements direct with them. In the provinces a large amount of lecturing has been done by local Fabian Societies, largely to other organizations.

In co-operation with the South-West London Federation of the I.L.P. a debate was arranged between G. Bernard Shaw and G. K. Chesterton on the proposition, "That a Democrat who is not also a Socialist is no Gentleman." It took place on November 30th at the Memorial Hall before a crowded audience which had paid £136 for admission. A profit of £122 was realized, which was divided between the Society and the Federation.

NEW SOCIETIES.

Fabian Societies have been formed during the year at Dover, Loughborough, South-West Birmingham and St. Andrews University. The Forest Gate and Chiswick Groups have been transformed into Societies. The Societies at Brighton, Cardiff, Crewe and Leeds have become extinct. Deducting these four the number of provincial societies and groups at the end of March was fifty, of which ten are in connection with universities. The number last year was forty-nine, nine of which were university societies. A Fabian Society has been formed at Montreal, and the societies at Toronto and Christchurch (N.Z.) are carrying on useful work, and have reported several times during the year.

LONDON LOCAL GROUPS.

The Chiswick and Forest Gate Groups have been transformed into Local Societies. The Streatham Group has carried on a series of lectures by well known Socialists, making a charge for admission. The experiment proved successful for propaganda purposes. The Deptford and Lewisham Groups have organized lectures, including Suburban Courses. The Paddington and Marylebone Group has held regular gatherings, at which lectures have been given, and organized a public meeting in conjunction with the local branch of the I.L.P. The Hampstead Group took part in a successful agitation against an attempt to suppress the right of meeting at an old established local open air meeting place. The Clapham and Chelsea Groups have carried on a series of lectures of a propagandist character.

SUBJECT GROUPS.

The Education Group held two meetings at Clifford's Inn Hall on the subject of "The Higher Education of the Working People," addressed by A. D. Lindsay, M.A., and Miss Margaret MacMillan, and a series of lectures at the Fabian Office on various questions relating to education. In co-operation with the Association for Abolishing Half Time the group organized a successful Conference on the Half Time Problem, which was attended by the Bishop of Oxford, Sir James Yoxall, Monsignor Brown, Miss Susan Lawrence, Mr. J. H. Reynolds, Principal of the Manchester School of Technology, and others.

The work of the Women's Group for the year ending December 31st, 1911, is embodied in its Fourth Annual Report, issued last January, which may be summarized as follows. The Historical Series of papers on "Women as Producers and Consumers of the Past" is nearly concluded, and a summary of the earlier papers is now in preparation. A series of lectures on "The Present Economic Condition of Women" has just begun. Two public lectures, the first on "The Life of a Servant," by Mrs. Harrison Bell, and the second, by Miss Lena Ashwell, on "The Life of an Actress," were given at the Gardenia Restaurant. These were preceded by a lecture at the Fabian Office, by Miss Florence, on "The Economic

Conditions of Women Clerks and Typists." Further public lectures in connection with this course are now being arranged. Other meetings have been addressed by Miss Clementina Black, Miss Mary Macarthur, Miss Finlay Peacock, and Miss Caroline Townshend. With the object of dealing from the woman's point of view with questions of importance to Socialists, three pamphlets have been published by the Society as Fabian Women's Group Series. No. 1, "The Working Life of Women," by Miss B. L. Hutchins. No. 2, "Family Life on a Pound a Week," by Mrs. Pember Reeves. No. 3, "Women and Prisons," by Miss Helen Blagg and Mrs. C. M. Wilson. The group took an active part in an agitation to safeguard the interests of women under the Insurance Bill. A conference of women's organizations to discuss the provisions of the Bill was held in May. In June a pamphlet was issued on "How the National Insurance Bill Affects Women." This was followed in July by another pamphlet, "The National Insurance Bill: a Criticism. With a Preface by Mrs. Bernard Shaw." Mrs. C. M. Wilson represented the group upon the Special Committee to Safeguard the Interests of Women under the National Insurance Bill which sat at the House of Commons during the passage of the Bill. Work in connection with the suffrage agitation has been carried on by a specially appointed committee, which published and circulated amongst Fabians and other Socialist bodies a manifesto on the present position. Many meetings have been held, and the committee engaged the services of two paid organizers to work in constituencies which it was impossible for members to reach. The group has raised £52 to meet the expenses connected therewith. The Citizenship Sub-Committee and the Right to Work Committee were formed last year and are now actively engaged, the former upon gaining information with regard to the milk supply and the latter in watching legislation which is likely to affect women's work. It has interested itself amongst other matters in the Women Post Office Clerks in their demand for equal pay for equal work, the conditions of the Pitbrow Workers, and in the Caretakers and Cleaners in L.C.C. Schools and municipal institutes.

The Fabian Nursery has held its usual meetings at the Fabian Office for lectures and discussions. In conjunction with the London and South-Eastern Counties Division of the I.L.P. it organized a course of historical lectures at Clifford's Inn Hall, which were given by Sydney Herbert, C. R. Attlee, H. H. Schloesser, W. Stephen Sanders, and Jack Gibson. A course of lectures arranged by the Nursery has been given to a large number of I.L.P. branches in and around London.

An attempt has been made to revive the Local Government Group, with not very satisfactory results, and the Biology Group has lapsed owing to the resignation of the secretary, Dr. Lionel Taylor, through pressure of other work, for whom a suitable successor has not yet been found. The circular recently issued to the members may, however, result in bringing the necessary support to these two groups.

The Social Committee has held a number of well attended social gatherings, at which old and new members have been brought together and recruits interested in the work of the Society.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Before the close of last year it had been practically decided not to renew the lease of Pen-yr-Allt, and early in the summer the house at Llanbedr, which for so many of our members will always be associated with agreeable memories, was given up. A sale of furniture was held, which realized £93, and a sum of £100, covering this, has been transferred to deposit account as capital to provide for purchase of furniture, if required, when another house is taken.

As it was found impossible to obtain a suitable place in time for the 1911 holiday season, a new experiment was resolved on. A hotel was taken for six weeks at Saas Grund, in Canton Valais, Switzerland, near the Italian frontier, and the School was held from the end of July to near the middle of September in a valley accessible only to mule transport amidst the magnificent scenery of the High Alps.

Two parties of about 80, and one of about 35, left London for periods of a fortnight each. The constant sunshine of an exceptional summer contributed much to the success of the undertaking. Financially the Swiss session was satisfactory. After paying all direct outlay and a proportionate share of the office expenses, postages, etc., a small balance on the right side has been carried forward.

It was, however, generally felt that in Switzerland there was more holiday than school. Long excursions by day and sometimes by night left little energy for serious study, and in practice it was found that the lectures must be mainly confined to the evenings. In fact, enjoyable as the School at Saas Grund admittedly was, the balance of opinion was in favor of taking another house in England, and arrangements for this were nearly completed at the close of the period under review.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

The following table indicates the changes in membership during the past year :—

	London.	Provincial Societies.	Provinces elsewhere.	University Societies.	Abroad.	Total.
Men ...	739	345	307	391	89	1871
Women ...	551	76	111	51	27	816
Total ...	1290	421	418	442	116	2687
1911 ...	1342	431	366	400	125	2664
Increase...	—	—	52	42	—	23
Decrease	52	10	—	—	9	—

During the year 339 members were elected, 13 less than last year. Resignations and removals in default, largely consisting of university members who drop out when they "go down," numbered 316, one more than last year. The number of associates is 306, an increase of 17 on last year. The number of members of provincial societies who are not members of the London Society is about 550.

THE YEAR'S FINANCES.

The outstanding feature of our accounts is that for the first time for many years our expenditure has largely exceeded our income, and we close the year with an unpaid debt of £120 due to our printer. In part this deficit has been occasioned by a decline in our subscriptions, for which it is not easy to assign a general cause. Subsidiary activities, such as the Women's Group, the Nursery, and many local societies have made considerable calls on the resources of our members, and the central funds have probably been correspondingly depleted.

On the other side, our expenditure on general printing and on postage, always an indication of the output of energy, shows a considerable rise; and another source of expense has been the reorganization of the Office staff, with some increase of salaries, including the engagement of the Organizing Secretary for full time, in place of the former arrangement by which he devoted much of his time to lecturing paid for out of the lecture fund. A new typewriter and accessories cost about £20.

The amount of literature, in the form of Tracts and News, sent out to members has shown a steady increase of late years, and members are still demanding more. It is sometimes forgotten that all this costs money, and our members themselves must pay for it if they order it.

Amongst the items of special expenditure during the year was the cost of the agitation against the Insurance Bill and the Manifesto on Railway Nationalization, which in all amounted to about £90; but, on the other side, the Summer School was able to pay for its office expenses. We do not, however, anticipate that our members will fail to respond to an appeal which must be presently issued for a moderate increase of their contributions to the Society.

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Executive Committee at the close of the year 1911-1912.

ending 31st March, 1912.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1911. £	s.	d.
BY BALANCE at Debit of Society, 31st March, 1911				4	4	6½			
" EXPENDITURE DURING YEAR, viz.:				115	6	0	92	0	9
Hire of Halls for Lectures							66	3	2½
Purchase of Literature	40	0	0½				363	0	4
Printing and Advertising Tracts	244	13	6				59	15	10
Payments to A. C. Fifield	16	5	4	300	18	10½			
Printing FABIAN NEWS	136	8	6				131	9	6
General Printing	119	17	10	256	6	4	68	11	0
Grants and Fees to other bodies:—									
Labor Party	41	6	10				31	2	10
International Socialist Bureau	15	0	0				14	0	0
Fabian Groups	10	0	0						
Sundries	4	11	6	70	18	4	6	12	0
Office Expenses, viz.:—									
Salaries	747	6	0				680	10	0
Rent, Cleaning, Coals, etc.	188	3	6				189	9	8
Extra Typing, etc.	9	1	2				6	3	5
Postage, Parcels, Telephone	235	12	11½				170	12	7
Printer: Despatching NEWS	33	1	6				25	7	0
Stationery and Miscellaneous	89	16	7½				66	10	7½
	1,303	1	9						
Less Charged to Summer School Account	80	0	0	1,223	1	9			
				18	18	0			
Typewriter and Duplicator				14	8	7	28	18	1
Book Boxes and Library:—									
Books Purchased and Expenses									
Suburban Lectures	119	2	7						
Provincial Lectures	64	7	8	183	10	3	390	3	8
Organizers' Travelling Expenses				12	3	1	13	0	11
Annual Conference Expenses				21	5	9	15	15	9
Balance of Expenses 1911 Dinner Account				8	2	0	60	8	6
Fabian Summer School:—									
Expenses at Pen-yr-Allt	31	6	8½						
Expenses in connection with Sale at Pen-yr-Allt	7	1	5						
Cost of Swiss Session	1,613	13	6½						
Expenses a/c, 1912 Session	8	11	4						
Estimated charge for Office Expenses	80	0	0						
Transferred to Reserve of Capital	100	0	0						
Balance carried forward	41	11	0	1,882	4	0			
				£4,111	7	6			
							£3,187	1	11

Parliamentary Fund
707 6 3

We have examined the above account and compared it with the Books and Vouchers of the Society, and find the same to be correct.

9 Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.
May 15th, 1912.

W. HECTOR THOMSON & CO., } Auditors.
Chartered Accountants.

RULES.

DEFINITIONS.

1.—The words "due notice" shall mean that the notice is received by the General Secretary before the 23rd day of any month for publication in the next issue of *FABIAN NEWS*, or as provided in Rule 9, Clause 2.

2.—A public meeting shall mean a meeting to which non-members are admitted. A private meeting shall mean a meeting confined to members of the Society.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

3.—Before the Annual Meeting to be held in May, the Society shall elect by ballot a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of twenty-one members to hold office for one year. Due notice shall be given of all nominations for these offices. Voting papers shall be sent to all members, together with the April number of the *NEWS*, and they shall be returned to the General Office on or before April 20th. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Society, whose duty it shall be to open the ballot-box, to count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary before April 23rd, for publication in the *NEWS*, the number of votes polled. The new Executive shall come into office on April 25th. In case of Easter occurring about the dates named, the Executive may alter them, giving due notice thereof; but no alteration shall exceed seven days. In case of a tie, the candidate who has been longest a member of the Society shall be elected. Any vacancies which occur during the year shall be filled by election after due notice, but only in the event of the number of the Committee falling below nineteen. Five members shall be a quorum. Any member absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee or its standing Sub-Committees without obtaining leave of absence, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat on the Committee or the Sub-Committee.

4.—The Executive Committee shall conduct the general business of the Society, appoint the paid officers, prepare and publish tracts, subject to Rule 9, and appoint all delegates to represent the Society. It shall constitute three standing sub-committees to deal with (1) Organizing and Propaganda; (2) Publishing; and (3) Finance and General Purposes.

MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.

5.—In addition to the Annual Meeting, two private meetings shall be held, one in the first and one in the last quarter of each year.

6.—Committees for special purposes shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, but notice of such committees (exclusive of those dealing with purely Executive business) shall be published beforehand in the *FABIAN NEWS*, or at private meetings, in order that any member desirous to serve on such committees may have the opportunity of sending in his or her name for consideration by the Executive.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

7.—Resolutions of which due notice has been given shall be placed on the agenda of the first private meeting of the Society after such notice has been published; provided that when any resolution has been discussed and voted on, and within twelve months of the date thereof notice is given of a resolution on the same subject, the Executive Committee shall be authorized, if they think fit, to defer placing the resolution on the agenda for any meeting until the expiration of the said twelve months. Resolutions shall not be moved without due notice, except after a vote of urgency has been carried. Business may be taken at a public meeting, but only with the consent of the chairman previously obtained.

8.—Any resolution, not affecting the constitution of the Society, its Rules or its Basis, may be declared urgent by a majority of three-fourths of the members present in a private meeting of not less than twenty-five members, and, if so declared, shall be discussed and voted upon forthwith.

9.—When a requisition signed by not less than fifty members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss any resolution, the Executive Committee shall order the resolution to be printed in *FABIAN NEWS*, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter.

When a requisition of urgency, signed by not less than one hundred members, is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss a specific

notice of motion, he shall summon such meeting for a date within fourteen days from the receipt thereof, and shall within seven days notify the same to all members, by circular or otherwise.

TRACTS.

10.—Except in cases of emergency, notice shall be given by the Executive Committee, either in *FABIAN NEWS* or by special circular, of any tracts proposed to be issued in the name of the Society, and every such tract shall be submitted to the members at a private meeting, and shall only be published when adopted by that meeting.

In case of emergency a tract may be adopted at any private meeting upon a vote of urgency.

Tracts bearing the name of the author may be issued by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

11.—Every candidate must sign a declaration that he accepts the Basis of the Society, and must make a contribution to the funds before election, the amount to be returned if he is not elected.

The names of all candidates shall be printed in *FABIAN NEWS*, and candidates shall afterwards be submitted for election, which shall be by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

12.—Members who do not take part in the work of the Society and subscribe to its funds during one year may be removed from the list of members at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

13.—A member may be expelled from the Society by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of not less than fifty members. Due notice of the motion shall be given to the General Secretary; but such notice shall not be valid and shall not be printed in *FABIAN NEWS* without the sanction of the Executive Committee.

SUBSCRIPTION.

14.—Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means.

ASSOCIATES.

15.—Any person may become an Associate by signing a statement that he is in general sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Society.

Associates must pay an annual subscription of at least 10s., and are entitled to attend all the meetings not expressly confined to members, and to receive all the ordinary publications. But they are not entitled to vote at meetings of the Society or to take any other part in the management of its affairs.

GROUPS.

16.—The members resident in or near London shall, for the purpose of local work, be divided by the Executive Committee into Groups according to the localities in which they reside. Each Group shall elect a Secretary, who shall keep a list of the Group members, and shall organize the work of the Group.

The Group Secretary will be removable by a vote of the Group, at a meeting attended by not less than one-third of the Group members, or by a vote of the Society after due notice has been given.

A meeting of any Group may be summoned either by the Group Secretary or by the General Secretary by order of the Executive Committee.

A Group may appoint delegates to any body dealing specially with the affairs of the Group area.

Groups for particular subjects may be formed in accordance with such regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

ANNUAL REPORT.

17.—The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, made up to March 31st, shall be sent to members at least seven days before the Annual Meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES AND BASIS.

18.—No alteration of, or addition to, the Rules shall be made without due notice; or at any meeting other than the Annual Meeting except by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of not less than fifty members.

No alteration of, or addition to, the Basis shall be made until it has been adopted, after due notice given, by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at an Annual Meeting, and confirmed by a similar vote at a Special Private Meeting held after an interval of not less than six months.

REFERENDUM.

19.—The Executive Committee may at any time refer any question to the decision of the whole Society, the voting to be by letter.

Any mover of a resolution which, at a meeting of the Society, has been supported by not less than one hundred members may claim a poll of the whole Society, the voting to be by letter. If an amendment is carried, and the original resolution is therefore not put, the mover thereof shall have the right to demand before the next business that the chairman take a count of the members who support the resolution, and if this number is not less than one hundred, the mover may claim a referendum as aforesaid.

BY-LAWS FOR LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETY AND FABIAN GROUP ORGANIZATION.

I.—THE COUNTY OF LONDON.

1. Any ten or more members may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, form themselves into a local group.

2. Every such group shall consist of members of the Society in its area, and such other Fabians as it may elect; it may elect its own associates, provided that associateship of a group shall not, as such, confer the privileges of associateship of the Society.

3. Every local group shall elect a secretary, who shall be the medium of communication between the group and the Executive Committee.

4. Every local secretary shall forward a report to the Executive Committee at least once a quarter.

5. Every such group shall be bound by all resolutions of the parent Society.

6. The Executive Committee, co-operating with existing local groups, shall constantly work for the establishment of local groups in districts where such do not exist.

II.—SPECIAL SUBJECT GROUPS.

The regulations for Special Subject Groups shall be the same as those for local groups in so far as applicable, except that

Special Subject Groups shall elect their own members from amongst the members of the Society.

III.—THE PROVINCES.

A. *Local Fabian Societies.*

1. Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the Fabian Basis, or some Basis which has been sanctioned by the Executive Committee of the parent Society, and all their members shall sign the said Basis.

2. Subject to the above, local Fabian Societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members, and associates, the conduct of their business, and the disposal of their funds, and shall not be bound by any resolution of the parent Society.

3. The reports of the local Societies shall be inserted in *FABIAN NEWS*, subject to the exigencies of space and the general control of the editor.

4. Conferences between representatives of the parent Society and the local Fabian Societies shall be held, if possible, at regular intervals.

B. *Local Groups.*

1. Where no local Fabian Society exists, the Executive Committee, co-operating as far as possible with Fabian Societies elsewhere, shall endeavor to establish Fabian local groups, and such groups may be formed in any locality on the initiative of any local Fabians.

2. Such groups shall be constituted of any five or more Fabians, and shall have a status similar to that of local groups within the London area.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF FABIAN SOCIETIES.

I.

With the object of stimulating and promoting the work of the local societies and groups, and for conferring upon questions of common concern, the Executive Committee of the parent Society shall, at least once in each year, convene a conference of duly elected representatives of groups and local Fabian Societies.

II.

The conference shall consist of (a) one representative of each group or local society having a membership as hereinafter defined of not more than fifty, together with an additional representative for every fifty additional members or part thereof; (b) the members of the Executive Committee of the parent Society, together with (if not members of the Executive Committee) the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Organizing Secretary, and the Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund.

The membership for this purpose shall be reckoned as including (a) all the members of each group and such members of each local society as are also members of the parent Society, and (b) members of the local Fabian Societies who are not members of the parent Society on whose behalf the local society has remitted to the Treasurer a capitation fee of one shilling.

III.

To every member of the conference residing more than twenty miles from the place of meeting the Treasurer of the parent Society shall pay the amount of third class railway fare there and back, and (unless hospitality can be arranged) a sum of seven shillings and sixpence per night spent away from home for other expenses. A conference fee, sufficient to cover the total of these and the other necessary expenses of the conference (which ought, if possible, not to exceed one pound per representative) shall be payable to the Treasurer of the parent Society by the group or society sending the representative.

IV.

There shall be laid before each conference for discussion and such resolutions as may be decided on by the members present:

- (a) A report by the Executive Committee upon the progress of the work of the several societies and groups since the last conference.
- (b) Any suggestions sent in for consideration by the conference or prepared by the Executive Committee as to the work of the several societies and groups, such as:
 - (1) Methods of propaganda.
 - (2) Organization of lecturing.
 - (3) Literature.
 - (4) Education of members and investigations or study.
 - (5) The political activities within the reach of each society.
 - (6) Any other subject that may be deemed within the scope of the conference.
- (c) The arrangements for the conference itself.

On any of the above matters (a), (b), (c), any resolutions arrived at by the conference should take the form of recommendations to the Executive or to the several groups or local societies.

If it should be deemed necessary at any time to take action on any of the following matters, such action shall not be taken by the parent Society or by any of the local societies until the proposal has been brought before the conference for discussion and (if so decided) ordered for referendum:

- (d) Any alteration in the Basis of the Fabian Society.
- (e) Any union, affiliation or formal alliance with any other society, or with any political party, whereby the freedom of action of any society or group, or of the officers or members thereof, is in any way limited, or

any termination of such a union, affiliation, or formal alliance already entered into.

- (f) Any change in the constitution of the conference, or of these regulations, or in the amount of the capitation fee.

On any of the above matters (d), (e), (f), the conference may pass resolutions, either in terms of recommendation or else mandatory. In the latter case they shall be binding on the Executive Committee, the groups and the local societies, unless the conference itself, the Executive Committee, or local societies containing not less than one-tenth of the membership entitled to be represented at the conference, ask that a referendum of such members be taken.

There shall be supplied free of charge to the Secretaries of local Fabian Societies (the cost being deemed to be covered by the capitation fee) a sufficient number of copies of FABIAN NEWS, and of all tracts supplied gratuitously to members, to enable every member or associate on whose behalf a capitation fee has been paid to receive a copy; and the local societies shall be bound to place such copies without delay in the hands of all their members, by post or otherwise.

SUMMER SCHOOL BY-LAWS.

I.

The management of the Fabian Summer School shall be entrusted to a separate Summer School Committee, to be appointed in December of each year by the Executive Committee as follows:

Four members chosen by the Executive Committee, not necessarily from among its own members.

Two members nominated by the Executive Committee to represent the London members after considering names suggested by the Fabian Nursery and the various London and Subject Groups, as reported not later than November 30th by the secretaries thereof.

Two members nominated by the Executive Committee to represent the various University and other Fabian Societies, after considering names suggested by such societies as reported not later than November 30th in each year by the secretaries thereof.

The Secretary and Organizing Secretary as ex-officio members.

The Summer School Committee so appointed may add to its number by co-option not more than two other persons at any time during its year of office.

II.

The Summer School Committee shall obtain the approval of the Executive Committee for (a) its annual estimate of expenditure; (b) any supplementary estimates that may become necessary; and (c) the person whom it is proposed to appoint as Director, together with the general scheme of lectures to be arranged; but shall, subject to these limitations, itself exercise the whole executive management of the School.

III.

The invitation and admission of guests at any meeting of the School, the duration of their stay, the arrangements for lectures and other proceedings at the School, the appointment of the necessary staff, and all housekeeping and other details of management shall be entrusted entirely to the discretion of the Summer School Committee.

IV.

Separate accounts shall be kept for the School, which shall be presented by the Executive Committee to the annual meeting of the Society, together with a brief general report on its progress. Such accounts and report, and any matter of administration for which the Executive Committee is responsible, shall be open to question or discussion at the annual meeting, or by due notice at any other business meeting of the Society.

LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETIES.

- Blackburn.**—Secretary, Wright Robinson, 56 Darwen Street, Blackburn.
- Bolton.**—Secretary, F. Cheadle, 43 Crook Street, Bolton.
- Bristol.**—Held study circles, lectures, etc. Secretary, E. L. Budd, 3 Brent Road, Ashley Down, Bristol.
- Buckhurst Hill and Woodford.**—Secretary, G. H. Ellis, 2 Limetree Villas, Buckhurst Hill.
- Burnley.**—Secretary, R. Chambers, 149 Brunshaw Road, Burnley.
- Cambridge.**—Fortnightly meetings; public meetings; investigations into local housing conditions; municipal electioneering; press correspondence; study circles. Members 38, associates four. Secretary, V. W. Sagon, 10 Rathmore Road, Cambridge.
- Chelmsford.**—Secretary, W. G. Smith, "Bella Vista," Galleywood, Chelmsford.
- Chesterfield.**—Secretary, Geo. F. Kirk, Foljambe Road, Chesterfield.
- Chiswick.**—Held courses of lectures and large public meeting; worked with local Labor Party in municipal politics. Secretary, Mrs. Schloesser, 6 Flanders Mansions, Bedford Park, W.
- Coventry.**—Secretary, Stanley B. Hamilton, 65 Waveley Road, Coventry.
- Darwen.**—Press correspondence; lectures; campaign for school clinics. Secretary, F. S. Walden, 5 Pearson Street, Darwen.
- Dover.**—Secretary, Miss Florence Ellis, 39 Woolcomber Street, Dover.
- Edinburgh.**—Fortnightly meetings; public meeting; debates; lectures to other societies. Members 23, associates two. Town councillor on membership roll. Secretary, H. B. Murdoch, 16 Gladstone Terrace, Edinburgh.
- Finchley.**—Secretary, Mrs. Edwards, Ren, Holly Park, Church End, Finchley.
- Glasgow.**—Monthly meetings; lectures to other societies; public meeting on "Railway Nationalization." Members 86, associates eight. Lord Provost, one city councillor, and six members of school board on membership roll. Secretary, J. Audley Evans, 28 Florida Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
- Golder's Green.**—Members' meetings and public lectures; conference on school clinics; town planning committee. Members 72. Secretary, Mrs. Kelsey, 12 Wordsworth Walk, Golder's Green.
- Harrow.**—Secretary, Herbert Dunhill, 36 Lowlands Road, Harrow.
- Huddersfield.**—Members 20. Secretary, C. H. Greenwood, 57 Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield.
- Hull.**—Secretary, Sidney Smith, 118 Hessle Road, Hull.
- Ilford.**—Public meetings and lectures. Members 30, associates one. Secretary, F. Gent, 36 Vernon Gardens, Seven Kings.
- Leicester.**—Secretary, Ebb. Murray, 113 Upperton Road, Leicester.
- Letchworth.**—Members' meetings and public lectures. Members 70. One county councillor, one district councillor, four parish councillors on membership roll. Secretary, R. H. Pearsall, 17 Westholm Green, Letchworth.
- Leytonstone.**—Public lectures. Members 14. Secretary, H. L. Walker, Mürren, Malford Grove, South Woodford.
- Liverpool.**—Two hundred lectures; agitation for school clinics; municipal and guardian elections. Members 110. One city councillor, one elective auditor on membership roll. Secretary, Sam Reeves, 316 Derby Road, Bootle.
- Loughborough.**—Lectures debates, members' meetings. Members 14. Secretary, W. Pearson, 19 Burton Street, Loughborough.
- Manchester.**—Secretary, D. Thompson, 8 Main Avenue, Burnage, Levenshulme, Manchester.
- Marlborough.**—Enquiry into local housing. Members 10. One poor law guardian on membership roll. Secretary, S. F. Goodchild, Meggen, St. John's Lane, Marlborough.

Newcastle-under-Lyme.—Enquiry into local housing ; lectures and debates and large public meetings. Members 20. Secretary, Oliver F. Bradley, 9 Marsh Parade, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Palmers Green and District.—Public lectures and members' meetings ; press correspondence. Members 28. Poor law guardian on membership roll. Secretary, E. Hope, 49 Windsor Road, Palmers Green.

Perth.—Secretary, Thomas T. Watson, Karpoma, Craigend, Perth.

Reading.—Secretary, A. W. Wolters, M.A., Blenheim Villa, Blenheim Road, Caversham, Reading.

Sevenoaks.—Secretary, T. Courtney, 22 St. Botolph's Avenue, Sevenoaks.

Sheffield.—Demonstration ; municipal electioneering ; press work ; lectures to other societies. Members 64. City councillor and poor law guardian on membership roll. Secretary, Mrs. C. T. Wilkinson, 111 Smither Lane, Pitsmoor.

Sidcup.—Secretaries, Miss Rose Gardner, 21 Granville Road, and Richard Turner, 17 Gordon Road, New Eltham, Kent.

Southampton.—Public lectures. Members 11. Town councillor on membership roll. Secretary, Miss G. Chamberlain, Moorlands, Highfield.

South-West Birmingham.—Public lectures. Members 60, associate one. One town councillor, one member of education authority on membership roll. Secretary, Drummond Wallace, 207 Mary Vale Road, Bourneville.

Swansea (F. G.)—Secretary, Paul Cocks, 7 Mirador Crescent, Swansea.

Tunbridge Wells.—Secretary, J. C. Walton, Ardenhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

West Ham.—Public lectures, indoor and open air ; lectures to other societies ; two dramatic performances. Members 33, associates eight. Poor law guardian on membership roll. Secretary, Miss E. Bartlett, 23 Wyatt Road, Forest Gate.

York.—Discussions and lectures. Members 25. Secretary F. Bradley, 30 Heworth Green.

UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETIES.

Birmingham.—Lectures and study circle. Members 34, associates 23. Secretary, F. Knowles, 18 Southern Road, Ward End, Birmingham.

Cambridge.—Public meeting and lectures. Members 77, associates 116. Secretary, T. R. Banister, St. John's College.

Edinburgh.—Secretary, John R. Taylor, Fabian Society Rooms, 4 Bristo Port.

Glasgow.—Lectures and debate. Members 50, associates 18. Secretary, Miss Mary Marwick, 33 Robertson Street, Greenock.

Liverpool.—Secretary, J. Lewis Armitage, 25 Agnes Road, Kirkdale.

London.—Secretary, V. J. Gaster, 193 Maida Vale, W.

Manchester.—Secretaries, Lawrence Redfern, M.A., and Ellen C. Wilkinson, Manchester University.

Oxford.—Public meetings and municipal propaganda. Members 80, associates 56. Secretary, E. W. Wilton, New College.

Oxford (Women's Group).—Secretary, Miss Grace Rushworth, Somerville College.

St. Andrews.—Lectures and debate. Members 7, subscribers 12. Secretary, Andrew Peffers, Students' Union, St. Andrews.

LONDON GROUPS.

Chelsea.—Secretary, Mrs. Bracegirdle, 33 Markham Square, Chelsea, S.W.

Clapham and District.—Secretary, Thos. Castwood, 27 Victoria Avenue, Clapham Common, S.W.

Deptford.—Secretary, Miss J. Mainwaring, 18 Endwell Road, Brockley, S.E.

Hampstead.—Secretary, Miss Thomson, 200 Adelaide Road, N.W.

Lewisham.—Secretary, R. D. Anderson, 120 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, S.E.

Marylebone and Paddington.—Secretary, C. L. Hayland, 40 Wymering Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.

Streatham.—Secretary, Graham W. Thompson, 34 Valley Road, Streatham, S.W.

SUBJECT GROUPS.

Education Group.—Secretary, Mrs. Kate M. Dice, 117 Newlands Park, Sydenham, S.E.

Fabian Nursery.—Secretary, Miss Aline Fermor, 121 Hampstead Way, Hendon.

Fabian Women's Group.—Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Wilson, 150 Whitehall Court, S.W.

Local Government Group.—Secretary, A. E. Lauder, 14 Pagoda Avenue, Richmond.

Social Committee.—Mrs. Bischof Collins, 3 Weymouth Street, W.

COLONIAL FABIAN SOCIETIES.

Christchurch, N.Z.—Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Cunningham. Willetta, Papanui Road, Christchurch.

Montreal.—Secretary, Mrs. Henderson, "The Marlborough," Milton Street, Montreal.

Toronto.—Secretary, Mrs. M. N. Norman, 616 Bloor Street W., Toronto.

BASIS.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY consists of Socialists.

It therefore aims at the re-organization of Society by the emancipation of Land and Industrial Capital from individual and class ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit. In this way only can the natural and acquired advantages of the country be equitably shared by the whole people.

The Society accordingly works for the extinction of private property in Land and of the consequent individual appropriation, in the form of Rent, of the price paid for permission to use the earth, as well as for the advantages of superior soils and sites.

The Society, further, works for the transfer to the community of the administration of such industrial Capital as can conveniently be managed socially. For, owing to the monopoly of the means of production in the past, industrial inventions and the transformation of surplus income into Capital have mainly enriched the proprietary class, the worker being now dependent on that class for leave to earn a living.

If these measures be carried out, without compensation (though not without such relief to expropriated individuals as may seem fit to the community) Rent and Interest will be added to the reward of labor, the idle class now living on the labor of others will necessarily disappear, and practical equality of opportunity will be maintained by the spontaneous action of economic forces with much less interference with personal liberty than the present system entails.

For the attainment of these ends the Fabian Society looks to the spread of Socialist opinions, and the social and political changes consequent thereon, including the establishment of equal citizenship for men and women. It seeks to achieve these ends by the general dissemination of knowledge as to the relation between the individual and Society in its economic, ethical and political aspects.

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